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Good Morning (b) (6),

Back in July we received the attached Briefing Card from Joseph Gradisher and Sue Gough on the UAP cases. They want to ensure all responses are coordinated with them at DOD PA before they are sent out.

Even though these are informal responses (not on official letterhead) Do we need to run these below responses by DOD PA prior to sending them to Cecotti?

Thank you,

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Team,

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Mr. Marc Cecotti,

I am reaching out to provide you and update and for further clarification on four FOIA requests that you submitted to NAVAIR around 30 April 2020: DON-NAVY-2020-007325, DON-NAVY-2020-007329, DON-NAVY-2020-007330, and DON-NAVY-2020-007375. I will do my best to address each request individually in order to avoid confusion.

FOIA Request Summary and Request for Additional Information

DON-NAVY-2020-007325 is a request for all records 1) containing the terms “Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies” or “BAASS” and 2) any correspondence coming from the domain @baas.org between 2007 to 2013. On 2 July 2020, you provided additional history about BAASS and asserted that BAASS “investigate[s] sighting of Anomalous Aerial Vehicles (AAV), Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP), Unidentified Aerial Systems (UAS) and UFOs.” Moreover, you suggested that BAASS may have contacted NAVAIR regarding “the USS Nimitz 2004 alleged UAP encounter.”

As to request 7325, NAVAIR does not have the capability to perform a command-wide keyword search of the terms you mentioned in this request, nor does FOIA require such a search. Therefore, if you cannot provide our office specific NAVAIR program offices/divisions, events, or other criteria associated with your request that will give us an idea of where to search, we will have to limit the search to our current effort described below. As for the domain search, I will need to further enquire whether that is feasible at our command. Nevertheless, based on the details you provided in your 2 July 2020 email, we will check with the program office that was associated with the videos released to the FOIA reading room in April 2020; however, there is no guarantee they will have any responsive records. If you have any additional information that would direct us where to search within NAVAIR, please provide it.

DON-NAVY-2020-007329 is a request for all records containing the terms “Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program,” “AAWSA,” “AAWSAP,” “Advanced Aerospace Treat Identification Program,” or “AATIP.” Your 2 July 2020 email also noted that your search query associated with this request may also be associated with “Anomalous Aerial Vehicles (AAV), Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP), Unidentified Aerial Systems (UAS) and UFOs” as well as “the USS Nimitz 2004 alleged UAP encounter.”

As to request 7329, again, NAVAIR does not have the capability to perform a command-wide keyword search of the terms you mentioned in this request, nor does FOIA require such a search. Therefore, if you cannot provide our office specific NAVAIR program offices/divisions, events, or other criteria associated with your request that will give us an idea of where to search, we will have to limit the search to our current effort described below. Based on your reference to the USS Nimitz, we will check with the program office that was associated with the videos released to the FOIA reading room in April 2020; however, there is no guarantee they will have any responsive records. If you have any additional information that would direct us where to search within NAVAIR, please provide it.

DON-NAVY-2020-007330 is a request for all records “regarding the history and custody of videos” that were described in a document image that you included with the request titled “AFOSI File number 3290517356125.” Also provided with the request was a note that the investigation took place in 2018. Upon review of the document images that you provided, the document titled “AFOSI File number 3290517356125” described the videos as “GoFast,”

“Gimble,” and “FLIR.” Videos matching these names were released on NAVAIR’s FOIA reading room in April 2020; therefore, we will check with the program office that was associated with the videos released to the FOIA reading room in April 2020; however, there is no guarantee they will have any responsive records. If you have any additional information that would direct us where to search within NAVAIR, please provide it.

DON-NAVY-2020-007375 is a request for all records containing the terms and/or regarding “Aerial Anomalous Vehicle(s),” “AVV,” “Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon,” or “UAP.” Upon appeal, you further clarified your request to include all records related to the three videos posted in the NAVAIR FOIA reading room.

As to request 7375, again, NAVAIR does not have the capability to perform a command-wide keyword search of the terms you mentioned in this request, nor does FOIA require such a search. Therefore, if you cannot provide our office specific NAVAIR program offices/divisions, events, or other criteria associated with your request that will give us an idea of where to search, we will have to limit the search to our current effort described below. Based on the clarifying information that you provided, we will check with the program office that was associated with the videos released to the FOIA reading room in April 2020; however, there is no guarantee they will have any responsive records. If you have any additional information that would direct us where to search within NAVAIR, please provide it.

Administrative Matter

Based on the information that you have provided, I would like your permission to consolidate your requests into one request, as they appear to be similar and/or targeted at the program office that that was associated with the videos released to the FOIA reading room in April 2020? Consolidating your requests means that you will have one designated point of contact and it will allow us to more efficiently process your requests by avoiding a duplication of work among processors. Moreover, it will allow us to utilize one request number, which should help prevent any confusion in future correspondence.

We look forward to your response.